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FM AMCONSUL KARACHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7103

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KARACHI 0495

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SUBJECT: DPRK REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF
TRADE MISSION IN AUSTRALIA

1. KEITH M. MATHIESEN, AUSTRALIAN CONGEN KARACHI, TOLD CONGENOFF MARCH 26 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED DELEGATION OF LOCAL NORTH KOREAN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES DURING WEEK OF MARCH 18. DELEGATION VISITED AUSTRALIAN CONGEN TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES OF SETTING UP A NORTH KOREAN TRADE MISSION IN AUSTRALIA IN NEAR FUTURE. MATHIESEN TOLD THIS APPROACH BEING MADE IN KARACHI BECAUSE BOTH COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN PAKISTAN. NORTH KOREANS REQUESTED THAT PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH TRADE MISSION BE FORWARDED TO CANBERRA VIA DIPLOMATIC " BAG".

2. MATHIESEN SAID MEETING WAS LUDICROUS. NORTH KOREANS WOULD ONLY SPEAK ENGLISH WHICH WAS SO POOR HE ASKED THEM TO SPEAK JAPANESE (MATHIESEN SPEAKS JAPANESE AS HE WAS STATIONED IN JAPAN FOR FIVE YEARS). NORTH KOREANS REFUSED TO SPEAK JAPANESE AFTER WHICH HE ASKED THEM TO WRITE OUT CHINESE CHARACTERS (WHICH HE CAN
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READ ALSO), BUT THEY REFUSED. RESULT WAS MEETING
STRUGGLED ALONG IN ENGLISH.

3. MATHIESEN SAID NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL FORWARDED
CANBERRA AS REQUESTED.
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